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## Deputy Grand Knight Steve Barron Dies Unexpectedly



Council members were numbed with disbelief at news of **Steve Barron's** death on February 14 in his home. His death was determined to have resulted from diabetes-related complications. The day before, Steve had driven his wife **Vali** to Little Rock for a flight to Columbus, Ohio, where she would spend several days with her critically ill daughter.

At age 63, Steve had retired only last May from Hot Springs High School, where he had taught English. Before his relocation to Hot Springs from New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina, he had served as assistant principal of Redeemer-Seton High School in New Orleans. Prior to going into education, Steve had completed a military career with the United States Air Force, attaining the rank of major. During the Vietnam War, Steve piloted a B-52.

Soon after his move to Hot Springs, Steve became an active member of Knights of Columbus Council 6419, and in a short time established that he would be a valuable and valued contributor. He served two years as council recorder and, then, in May of 2010 he was elected Deputy Grand Knight and was generally expected to be the future Grand Knight. Only recently he had accepted chairmanship of the flags-raising group, who on patriotic holidays raise flags over Calvary Cemetery. In council activities Steve expressed not only good ideas but a readiness to become actively involved in carrying them to fruition. On Saturday evening before his death, Steve had successfully completed chairmanship of the council's second annual Vocations Dinner at the K. C. Hall. It was an elegant occasion with Bishop Anthony Taylor, priests, nuns, council members, their wives, and others in attendance.

Steve's death is a huge loss to Council 6419 as well as to his family and non-council friends. A memorial mass was offered for Steve at St. John's Church Wednesday, February 23. Twelve knights in full regalia and three others in tux provided an honor guard at this service. This mass was followed by a second memorial mass on Saturday, February 26 in St. Dominique's Catholic Church, his home church in New Orleans.

His family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts be made either to St. John's School in Hot Springs or to the American Diabetes Association. The council expresses its condolence to Vali and to all the family.



## Spring Rummage and Furniture Sale Approaches

With the spring rummage and furniture sale now less than two months away, council members should double their efforts to generate good-condition furniture and other donations for our next sale set for April 8-9 and 15-16. At this point we have received some very nice

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## Grand Knight's Report



We begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday just before our March 10 council meeting. Our brother knights in the Village are having a Fat Tuesday party on March 8. They have reserved a table for 8 for our council. The Village knights support a number of our events, so we should reciprocate by attending some of theirs. Please call me (525-6478) to let me know that you will attend. I am planning to be present.

Our council is holding its annual St. Patrick's Day pre-celebration on Saturday, March 12. **Rick Sands** will prepare a traditional dinner of corned beef and cabbage. Obviously he will need help, not only with the food but also for clean-up. He can't do it alone. Please offer your service by calling Rick at **767-8066**. **Tom Gilleran** (767-1631) has tickets. We will need a couple of other knights to sell tickets after masses. Please call Tom or me.

We need council members to join our 1st Degree team being formed by **Rick Sand**. **Steve Barron** had agreed to take one of the positions. Please consider calling Rick and accepting a role. **Being a knight is more than just paying dues.**

We must hold an election to replace **Steve Barron** as Deputy Grand Knight. I have asked **Newton White** to fill that role until an election can occur. **Gil Gibbons** has indicated willingness to fill the recorder's role (presently Newton's office) until we elect officers for the next fraternal year.

I would like someone to assume the monthly responsibility of collecting volunteer work hours, which we can use in our quest to repeat our Star Council status. Please volunteer to replace Steve who was also filling this role.

**Deacon Robert Wanless** and I have discussed the possibility of his teaching a Bible class at the council hall quarterly or bi-monthly. We would hold those classes the fourth Thursday of the month. This would be open to anyone in the local Catholic community. Please gather your thoughts on attending./**Dennis Bosch, Grand Knight**



## Come on, Guys and Gals! Get Involved!

Grand Knight **Dennis Bosch** reports that of 40 Kroger cards that he took to the last council meeting to benefit St. John's School, only 16 were taken. **Why is that?** How can we turn down an opportunity to have 5 percent of each grocery and gas purchase go toward support of our Catholic school. Certainly Kroger is very competitive with Wal-Mart prices, in some cases better (Did you take advantage of that 29-cent special on huge, delicious grapefruit this week. No? Too bad!) Come on. Get painlessly involved to help the school. With all or even most of our members and supporters participating, we could be responsible for quite a chunk of money paid to St. John's School in 2011.

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### Rummage and Furniture Sale, continued

furniture and other items. But we need more—especially certain items like sheets and other bedding, towels and wash cloths, matched dishes and other glassware, flatware, small and large appliances, tools, toys and other children's items, sporting equipment, especially fishing equipment but excluding golf equipment, art work, sofas, and occasional chairs. This spring we will have a large assortment of live plants. Nice potted plants will be appreciated. To donate, please call **Jim** (525-7022), **Tom** (767-1631), **Stan** (520-5974), or **Dick** (760-3879).

Along with several other items, the beautiful home bar has been sold, giving us a good start on pre-sales. Keep those donations coming in!



### Footnotes—Fourth Degree

Lent is almost upon us, and already we have experienced grief. **Steve Barron's** sudden death on February 14 took from us a good friend and a valued member of both the council and the assembly. In addition to serving the council as Deputy Grand Knight, Steve was the Faithful Recorder of the Fourth Degree Assembly. Steve always came forward when help was needed on a K. C. project. In addition, he always displayed a friendly demeanor. We will miss him. As a memorial tribute, the assembly will partner with the council to purchase a full-page ad in this year's Arkansas Knights of Columbus Convention brochure in May. Please remember Steve and his entire family in your prayers. I further suggest that when considering your Lenten observance this year, you consider something in the name of the Barron Family: a set off daily prayers, a rosary, or an extra contribution to the Church for their sake.

In keeping with assembly rules, I've appointed a nominating committee consisting of **Robert Rowe, Newton White, and me** to gather a slate of candidates for the fiscal 2011-2012 year. We will be reporting those candidates to the assembly at our March social. That will give us time for discussion in April prior to voting. I'll also publish that list in the April newsletter for those who miss the social.

**Lou Kosarek** has made arrangements for our Thursday, March 17 social. Let's have a good turnout at 6:30 at Grandpa's Catfish House at 1020 Airport Road. It's just east of MLK Expressway next to the Valero Service Station.

A Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for April 10. Tickets are available from **Lou Kosarek** (276-3668) or **Newton White** (622-0191). Vivat Jesus!/Bill Wavering, Faithful Navigator



### Flags Go Up on Presidents' Day

Flags were raised at Calvary Cemetery on February 21, Presidents' Day. Present were **John Macchietto, Dick Smith, John Steinhaus, Julian Post, Joe Dierks, Joe Petruk, Lou Kosarek, Iturba Percefull, Harold Hager, Don Sass, Joe Giompoletti, Gil Gibbons, Lennie Buckholtz, Dennis Bosch, and Tom Gilleran.** All enjoyed a social time with coffee and  
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### District Free-Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus District Free-Throw Contest was conducted at St. John's Gym on February 19. Running the contest were **Randy Schnoebelen and Doug Shackelford.** Councils participating were Hot Springs, Hot Springs Village, Benton, and Mena. **Tom Gilleran, Gil Gibbons, Dennis Bosch, and Tony Hoenig** assisted. District Deputy **Ed Miller** and knights from other  
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### From Our Chaplain

Lent is a time of preparation. It is designated for the preparation of candidates for baptism and confirmation. For these candidates this season is intentionally set aside for examination, instruction, penitence and prayer. It is a time of preparation for all the people of God. It is also a time to reflect on Christ's journey to the cross, ending at the Resurrection. Ash Wednesday and Lent began as a way for Catholics to remind themselves to repent of their sins in a manner similar to how people in the Old Testament repented in sackcloth, ashes, and fasting.

Lent is a time for penitence and discipline. It is the time for mourning Christ's suffering and his death. It is also a time to reflect on his ultimate victory. Personally, however, self-examination is crucial during the Lenten season. An individual's response to the call for purposeful reflection on one's need for God is an important factor in choosing a discipline with which to actively observe Lent. For some, fasting and denial are means of self-examination; yet, fasting is not an appropriate discipline for all people.

Lent has traditionally been marked by penitential prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, all norms used by Jews in their preparation for the festival. The Sermon on the Mount specially mentions prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. During Lent these three disciplines are so important that they are closely linked. Without prayer, the other two disciplines are merely actions done out of tradition, having little meaning. Prayer is our conversation with God. It is through prayer that we have the strength to fast. It is our means of developing a closer, more intimate relationship with God. This relationship makes us so grateful for God's blessings that we eagerly give to those less fortunate than we are. Fasting is one of the most ancient actions linked to Lent. Prayer and fasting together bring us to what Lent is about: a deeper conversion. Almsgiving is simply a response by us to God, a response we've come to through prayer and fasting. Here we come to a deeper understanding that the needs of all are the responsibility of all people in the Body of Christ. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian life we began when we were baptized.

As Christ fasted and prayed in the desert for forty days, we try during Lent to be mindful of Christ through the standards by which we live our lives with goals of self-giving and suffering love. With such high goals, any programmatic response may seem to fall short, yet an attempt to incorporate prayer, meditation, and useful action in the path of Christ into our lives is invaluable./Fr. Raja

### Free-Throw Contest, continued

Councils were also present. Results of the competition are as follow: **10-yr. girls,** Ashton Patrick, Hot Springs, (22/25); **10-yr. boys,** Garrett Watkins, Mena, (15/25); **11-yr. boys,** Connor Kordsmeyer, Benton, (18/25); **12-yr. girls,** Megan Herdon, Benton (13/25); **12-yr. boys,** Dillon Anderson, HSV, (20/25); **13-yr. girls,** Jessica Looney, Mena, (20/25); 13-yr. boys, Justin Bates, HSV, (15/25); **14-yr. girls,** Morgan Watkins, Mena, (18-25); **14-yr. boys,** Sky Jackson, Mena, (19/25).

Winners of each category advance to state competition on March 6 at St. Joseph School's gym with registration at noon.



### Get Ready for Golf Tourney in May!

**Hans Purkott** encourages golfers to join him at Belvedere Country Club on **March 19** for noon tee-time. Hans has negotiated a \$25 greens fee,  
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**Mike & Nancy Schnauffer, Sr\***

**Scott & Sessie Hrdlicka\***

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### March Birthdays

- 2 **Charles Kessler**
- 2 **Hans Purkott**
- 3 **Jim Elder**
- 3 **Iturba Percefull**
- 3 **John Steinhaus**
- 4 **Paul Selig**
- 13 **Bill MacSorley**
- 14 **Tony Pultz**
- 15 **Marc Hayes**
- 16 **Harold Hager**
- 17 **Barry Owens**
- 18 **Tom Giusti**
- 19 **Mike Tucker**
- 22 **Victor Volk**
- 23 **George Marshall**
- 25 **Gil Gibbons**

**Golf Practice, continued** including cart, good not only for March 19 but throughout the year for all Arkansas knights showing their membership card. Come practice for the May 21 K.C. State-Golf Championship.

### Pray for our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: **Ruth Heithaus (Kansas. Husband Kenn a former council member), Rick Sands, Bob Fiedler, Ryan Nieman (Larry and Diane's grandson), Morgan Anderson (Raymond Mace's niece), John Davis, Paul Ruckstuhl, Conrad Stein, Pam Dwyer, Frankie DeGeorge, Jolene Sharkey, Pat Logan, Jim Maguire, Donna Hayes, Ed McManus, Ilse Purkott, Earl and DeDe Robbins, George and Sue Marshall, Mary Ellen Kagel, and Emily Kostka**

### March Calendar

- 6 **K. C. State Free-Throw Contest, noon registration, St. Joseph's Gym, Conway**
- 10 **Officers Meeting, 6 p.m., with council meeting to follow at 7:30, K. C. Hall**
- 12 **St. Patrick's Celebration, K. C. Hall, 5:30 Social, Dinner to follow**
- 17 **Fourth Degree Social, Grandpa's Catfish House, 6:30 p.m. (see article, p. 2)**
- 19 **Golf Outing, Belvedere Country Club, Noon Tee-Time, (see article, p. 2)**
- 24 **Appreciation Dinner for Ladies Who worked the October Rummage Sale, 5:30 social, dinner to follow.**

### Flags at Calvary Cemetery, continued

donuts before raising the flags. Flags will be next raised on March 14 for The John King celebration. King was a World War I Catholic hero from Hot Springs.



### From Our Insurance Agent

The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state (Provincial) laws, specify that Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications only from Knights of Columbus members. As a member, you may apply for insurance on **yourself, your wife, and your dependent, minor children.**

The Order's Board of Directors, however, has taken action to assure that a brother Knight's widow **for a limited time maintains the right to purchase additional insurance.** This privilege can be of great benefit and comfort to those we leave behind.

This right to apply is **available only to the widows of insured members.** If a member has not availed himself of our top-rated life insurance program, or purchased an annuity or long-term care policy, this benefit is not available to his widow.

But if the member was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance **on her life as well as on the lives of the member's minor children.** This right can be exercised **for up to one year** following the Order's receipt of proof of the insured's death.

**Know two things:** First, if you should die, I'll assist your widow and children in any way possible, **not only with your Knights of Columbus insurance but also with any other life insurance you may have.** Second, I'll provide them my best professional advice and service to assure that they continue to have adequate insurance protection. As a professional agent and a brother Knight, I have no greater responsibility.

I'm at 501-204-9486 or at randyschnoebelen@kofc.org Call me—let's talk.

A Brother Knight helping you protect you and your loved ones!

**Fraternally,**  
**Randy Schnoebelen**  
**Field Agent, FICF**